

FAMILY LAW FACILITATOR'S OFFICE

AND SELF-HELP CENTER

The Caregiver's Authorization Affidavit allows a caregiver to enroll a child in school and consent to a child's medical care. A Caregiver's Authorization Affidavit does not take away or suspend parental rights. A parent or guardian can overrule any of the caregiver's decisions, unless the parent or guardian's wishes jeopardize the child's health, life or safety.

Pages 2-4 of this packet are the actual Caregiver's Authorization Affidavit. This form may be completed by hand, or may be completed using the fillable form found at courts.ca.gov/caregiver.pdf. Pages 5-6 of this packet are a printout of Section 6550 of the California Family Code, which contains information for school officials and health care providers.

In order for the Caregiver's Authorization Affidavit to be valid, a caregiver must:

1. Fill out lines 1-4, and date and sign the affidavit. This enables a caregiver to enroll a child in school and consent to any medical treatment that is required for school enrollment, such as physicals and medical examinations performed on school grounds.
2. If the caregiver is a relative of the child, lines 5-8 should also be completed. Completion of line 5-8 allow a relative caregiver to consent to medical, dental and mental health care.

A Caregiver's Authorization Affidavit is a legal document. A caregiver signs the affidavit under penalty of perjury that he or she is the child's caregiver and that all the information provided in the affidavit is true. If the child stops living with the caregiver, the caregiver should inform the school and all other agencies that have been given the Caregiver's Authorization Affidavit.

Keep the original Caregiver's Authorization Affidavit. Give a copy of the signed affidavit and pages 5-6 of this packet to the child's school and/or day care provider and to the child's health care provider. *The affidavit does not get filed with the court.* The affidavit is valid for one year from the date it was completed and signed. If care is required for more than one year, the caregiver should fill out another Caregiver's Authorization Affidavit.